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- Jennette Lemley, Head of Talent Acquisition, Adthena

### Through their partnership with Betts, the Adthena team:

- Hired 3 BDRs and 1 AE in 3 months
- Ensured a strong culture fit between the company and new hires
- Established a strong presence and brand recognition in a new market

# The Challenge: Build a strong U.S. presence after expanding from London

Jennette Lemley is the Head of Talent Acquisition at Adthena, a Software as a Service (SaaS) company that provides mid-market and enterprise companies with competitive insight into their paid search campaigns. After expanding from London to Austin, Texas, Adthena faced several challenges in establishing a strong regional presence:

- Quickly find and hire top sales reps in a competitive landscape.
- Replicate their strong U.K. brand recognition in their new U.S. market.

"In Austin, there are so many great companies," says Jennette. "So there's a lot of competition when trying to hire great sales talent – especially when your company doesn't have a big local presence yet. We were new to the States and still building a local presence."

#### The Solution:

The team at Adthena partnered with Betts to identify top sales reps and bring them in for interviews quickly. "My former supervisor had worked with Betts in the past, and had a really great experience," says Jennette. "So we connected through her."

Through this previous connection, Jennette knew that Betts had a strong command of

the sales landscape in Austin and other geographies around the U.S., and would be able to draw from a broad talent network and identify top sales reps. Betts' authority in the sales community became clear to Jennette once she started interviewing sales professionals: "Many of the candidates we spoke to were already familiar with Betts before we started working with them."

Betts was able to draw from a broad talent network and connect Adthena with a large quantity of sales professionals. Adthena found that even though Betts cast a wide net, the sales candidates they brought in were consistently high-quality. As Jennette explains: "We were able to see more people and get more candidates exposed to our company. These candidates were briefed, prepared, and qualified, and the Betts team was always receptive to feedback."

### The Results: Made key hires to build their local presence

Jennette started at Adthena in June of 2019, and she and Betts kicked off their search in July. By that October, Adthena had hired 3 BDRs and 1 AE through Betts. These reps included Adthena's first-ever Business Development cohort. "These hires were key to our sales engine. They enabled us to prospect, qualify, and onboard new clients," says Jennette. "We were able to achieve new targets and and build out successful processes."



Without Betts having their network queued up and their recruiters proactively searching for great sales reps, it would have taken longer to hit our hiring goals and grow our US office.



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Betts was also able to ensure a strong culture fit, which is crucial for an international company like Adthena. Jennette explains: "Every candidate that is going to be considered for an offer speaks to one of our executives as part of a culture interview. We consider the makeup of a cohort and the team. We think beyond, is this person a fit right now? We think, how are they going to grow and how can we help them get there? Will they add to our culture and our future vision?"

Betts helped with the heavy lifting of hiring, so Adthena could focus on additional areas including onboarding, development, and even moving into a new office. "The partnership with Betts allowed us to hire great people while simultaneously working on other key initiatives important to the People Team."